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Alcohol Abuse at WKU

At Western alcohol has been a problem as it is on most college campuses. There have issues with drinking at parties, especially as some of the drinkers are underage. Also, people will use false ids to get into bars. Most of the people arrested at bars are underage students from Western. However, as it is known that most college students are going to drink, regardless of their age, SGA has taken a different approach to the problem. SGA has worked with businesses to offer special deals to designated driver. Provided that the students had a WKU designated driver card, the students could get free sodas and twelve Bowling Green restaurants and bars (*Daily News*).

Another issue related to alcohol is the policy on campus. Currently alcohol is allowed on campus during tailgating. This makes it more accessible to students who are underage and may also send mixed signals to the student population. Many Bowling residents and organizations within the community, such as the Baptists, have protested this policy (*Courier Journal*). To this date the policy has still been an issue with students, administration, and the community.

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